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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECG: VAJPAYEE SEES NEW BEGINNING FOR INDO-US TIES

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1. THE CHARGE PAID A BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE THE MORNING OF APRIL 14. FOLLOWING CORDIAL PLEASANTRIES, THE CHARGE SAID HE CONSIDERED THE PROSPECT FOR US-INDIA RELATIONS TO BE BRIGHT AND SAID THAT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE GOHEEN WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS ARRIVAL IN DELHI. THE MINISTER SAID HE HAD READ A LOT ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR AND LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING HIM.

2. TURNING TO THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING (NACCFM), THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS GLAD ALL WENT SMOOTHLY. HE FOUND THE COMMUNIQUE MODERATE, WHICH IS WHAT INDIA WANTED AND THE OTHER DELEGATES COOPERATIVE. "LET US SPEAK WITH A GENTLY VOICE", HE SAID HE HAD ADVISED THE DELEGATES.

3. THE CHARGE OBSERVED THAT WE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY POINTS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECHES WHICH HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INFUSED INTO THE CONFERENCE. THE CHARGE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
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SAY THAT THE US APPRECIATED THE GOI RESERVATION ON PUERTO RICO. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CHUCKLED AT THIS OBSERVATION AND WITH SOME RELISH REPORTED HE HAD TOLD ONE OF THE DELEGATES THAT THE NACC CANNOT LIVE WITH THE PRESENT FORMULATION. BUT SOME DELEGATES, HE CONTINUED, KEEP REPEATING THEMSELVES ("LIKE HINDU MANTRAS") AND ARE SIMPLY NOT PREPARED TO FACE REALITY.

4. VAJPAYEE AGREED WITH THE CHARGE'S CONCLUSION THAT THE ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT TO THE NACC, AND SAID HE SHARED THE HOPE FOR GOOD RESULTS AT THE COMING PARIS CIEC MEETING.

5. THE CHARGE OBSERVED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN NEW POSITIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, ADDING THAT AFRICANS OF COURSE MUST SOLVE AFRICAN PROBLEMS. VAJPAYEE SAID THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED IF ENOUGH PRESSURE WERE PUT ON SOUTH AFRICA AND GREETED THE JOINT WESTERN DEMARCHE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS A STOP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

6. VAJPAYEE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT WITH THE CHANGE IN WASHINGTON AND IN NEW DELHI, A NEW CLIMATE IS CREATED, OFFERING A CHANCE "FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE A NEW BEGINNING IN THEIR RELATIONS." IN THE RAJYA SABHA, HE CONTINUED, THE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES HWD ALREADY COME UP (NEW DELHI 4753). THESE ARE MATTERS WHICH WE CAN DISCUSS, HE SAID.

7. DURING THE 30-MINUTE MEETING, THE CHARGE MADE ALL OF THE POINTS IN REFTEL. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON JOINT COMMISSIONS, HE SAID THE US SIFS WAS IN NO HURRY AND THAT WHEN THE MINISTER WAS PREPARED WE WOULD BE READY TO SICUSS THESE OTHER JOINT EFFORTS. VAJPAYEE WAS AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING AT THE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION IN MAY AND SAID THE GOI WOULD CONSIDER THIS SOON.

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8. THE MEETING WAS INFORMAL AND CORDIAL THROUGHOUT.
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